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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/761,815	Applicant(s) MARSH ET AL	
	Examiner Anton B. Harris	Art Unit 2831	

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#### Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 5-7, filed 10 November 2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 102 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Examiner agrees with Applicant's argument that the molded body does not encapsulate the wiring harness. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Jenkins (6,027,360).

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jenkins in view of Borzi et al. (6,077,102).

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Regarding claim 1, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses an electronic assembly, which comprises:

a wiring harness 22;  
connectors 18 connected to the wiring harness 22; and,  
a body 74, 88 formed to encapsulate the wiring harness 22 and provide access to the connectors 18, but lacks a molded body.

Borzi et al. (col. 3, lines 10-16) teaches a molded body 12, 14.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Jenkins by providing a molded body in order to provide electrically insulative material in view of the teachings of Borzi et al.

Regarding claim 2, the teachings of Borzi et al. (col. 3, lines 1-31) further include that the body 12, 14 comprises a plastic material (col. 3, lines 15-18).

Regarding claim 3, the teachings of Borzi et al. (col. 3, lines 1-31) further include a conductive coating on the outer surface of the body 12, 14.

Regarding claim 4, the teachings of Borzi et al. (col. 3, lines 1-31) further include that the conductive coating comprises a conductive paint.

Regarding claim 5, the teachings of Borzi et al. (col. 3, lines 1-31) further include that the conductive coating comprises a metallic layer applied to the outer surface of the body 12, 14.

Regarding claim 6, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses that a mounting fixture 90 connected to the body 74, 88.

Regarding claim 7, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses that the mounting fixture 90 includes a ground connection.

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Regarding claim 8, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses a socket (above 92) affixed to the body 74, 88, the socket (above 92) being connected to the wiring harness 22.

Regarding claim 9, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses that the socket (above 92) is adapted to receive a relay (figure 5).

Regarding claim 10, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses that a relay (figure 5) connected to said socket (above 92).

Regarding claim 11, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses that shielding (figure 1) for said wiring harness 22 is encapsulated within the body 74, 88.

Regarding claim 12, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses that said shielding (figure 1) includes a conductive material surrounding the wiring harness 22.

Regarding claim 13, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses that said connectors 18 are molded into the body 74, 88.

Regarding claim 14, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses that said wiring harness 22 includes a plurality of ends (figure 1) that are each connected to one of said connectors 18.

Regarding claim 15, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses that said wiring harness 22 includes three ends (figure 1).

Regarding claim 16, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses that the mounting fixtures 90 are molded into the body 74, 88.

Regarding claim 17, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses an electronic assembly comprising:

a plurality of connectors 18 ;

a wiring harness 22 connected to said plurality of connectors 18, and

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a body 74, 88 formed to encapsulate said wiring harness 22 and to cover a portion of each of said plurality of connectors 18,

wherein said body 74, 88 has sufficient strength and hardness to act as a frame that is configured to firmly hold said plurality of connectors 18 and said wiring harness 22 as one piece, but lacks a molded body.

Borzi et al. (col. 3, lines 10-16) teaches a molded body 12, 14.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Jenkins by providing a molded body in order to provide electrically insulative material in view of the teachings of Borzi et al.

Regarding claim 18, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses that said body 74, 88 includes a base portion 74 that extends between said plurality of connectors 18.

Regarding claim 19, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses a plurality of mounting fixtures 90 that are molded into the body 74, 88.

Regarding claim 20, Jenkins (col. 3, lines 1-31) discloses an electronic assembly comprising:

a plurality of connectors 18;

a wiring harness 22 connected to said plurality of connectors 18, and

a body 74, 88 formed to encapsulate said wiring harness 22 and to cover a portion of each of said plurality of connectors 18, said body 74, 88 including a base portion 74 that extends between said plurality of connectors 18, but lacks a molded body.

Borzi et al. (col. 3, lines 10-16) teaches a molded body 12, 14.

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It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Jenkins by providing a molded body in order to provide electrically insulative material in view of the teachings of Borzi et al.

***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anton B Harris whose telephone number is (571) 272-1976. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Dean Reichard, can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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